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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application as amended.

Claims 1-45 (Cancelled.)

Claim 46. (Currently amended.) A variant of a *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase, ~~which variant comprises~~ comprising an amino acid sequence at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10 having at least one substitution at a position ~~corresponding to at least one of the following positions in SEQ. ID NO. 10: selected from the group consisting of-~~ V52, G121, F141, H206, P336, T365, I380, I382, and V406, ~~or W507, and wherein the variant has laccase activity.~~

Claim 47. (Cancelled.)

Claim 48. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position V52.

Claim 49. (Withdrawn.) The variant of claim 48, wherein said substitution is V52A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 50. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position G121.

Claim 51. (Previously presented.) The variant of claim 50, wherein said substitution is G121A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 52. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position F141.

Claim 53. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 52, wherein said substitution is F141A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, S, T, R, V, or Y.

Claim 54. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position H206.

Claim 55. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 54, wherein said substitution is H206A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 56. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position P336.

Claim 57. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 56, wherein said substitution is P336A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 58. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position T365.

Claim 59. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 58, wherein said substitution is T365A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 60. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position I380.

Claim 61. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 60, wherein said substitution is I380A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, or Y.

Claim 62. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position I382.

Claim 63. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 62, wherein said substitution is I382A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, or Y.

Claim 64. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 46, wherein said variant has a substitution at a position corresponding to position V406.

Claim 65. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 64, wherein said substitution is V406A, I, L, N, Q, R, or S.

Claim 66. (Cancelled)

Claim 67. (Cancelled)

Claim 68. (Previously presented) The variant of claim 46, wherein the *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 69. (Previously presented) A detergent additive comprising a variant of claim 46 in the form of a non-dusting granulate, a stabilized liquid or a protected enzyme.

Claim 70. (Previously presented) A detergent composition, comprising a variant of claim 46 and a surfactant.

Claim 71. (Previously presented) A detergent composition of claim 70, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase lipase and/or protease.

Claim 72. (Withdrawn) A method for oxidizing a substrate, comprising contacting the substrate with a variant of claim 46.

Claim 73. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting dye transfer during washing of fabrics, comprising adding a variant of claim 46 during washing.

Claim 74. (Withdrawn) A method for bleaching a textile, comprising applying a variant of claim 46 to the textile.

Claim 75. (Currently amended) A variant of a *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to at least one of the following positions in SEQ. ID NO. 10: V52; G121; F141; H206; P336; T365; I380; I382; or V406; or W507, and wherein the variant has laccase activity.

Claim 76. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position V52 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 77. (Currently amended) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position G121 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 78. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position F141 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 79. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position H206 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 80. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position P336 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 81. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position T365 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 82. (Withdrawn) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position I380 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 83. (Previously presented) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position I382 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 84. (Previously presented) The variant of claim 75, which variant consists of at least one substitution at a position corresponding to position V406 in SEQ. ID NO. 10.

Claim 85. (Cancelled)

Claim 86. (New) A variant of a *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase comprising SEQ ID NO:10 having at least one substitution at a position selected from the group consisting of V52, G121, F141, H206, P336, T365, I380, I382, and V406, wherein the variant has laccase activity.

Claim 87. (New) A variant of *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase comprising SEQ ID NO:10 having 1 to 14 substitutions, wherein at least one substitution is at a position selected from the group consisting of V52, G121, F141, H206, P336, T365, I380, I382, and V406, wherein the variant has laccase activity.